



INDIANA COMMISSION *for*
HIGHER EDUCATION

MEDIA CONTACT: Kate Stuard
309-533-2206
kstuard@che.in.gov

For Immediate Release:
Tuesday, December 18, 2018

STATE HIGHER ED COMMISSION ANNOUNCES STAN JONES AWARD WINNERS

The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](http://che.in.gov) announces today that Purdue Promise and Ivy Tech Community College Associate Accelerated Program (ASAP) have been named winners of the **2018 Stan Jones Student Success Award**. The award was named in honor of the late Stan Jones, President of Complete College America and former Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education.

“The Stan Jones award was designed to build upon Stan’s legacy of landmark education policy and student success initiatives,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “Just as Stan was a tireless advocate for education, we present this award to programs that are working to increase student success and close the completion gap for all students.”

[Purdue Promise](http://che.in.gov) is a student support program that intentionally combines four years of financial assistance with intensive, specialized aid for 21st Century Scholars. The program provides scholarships covering full financial need, in addition to full-time coaches who provide individualized care and support for Purdue Scholars. Recent data show that participants in the program now graduate at a higher rate than the rest of Purdue’s undergraduate student body and with significantly less debt.

“Purdue Promise is a model support program that demonstrates the importance of wraparound services for financial aid recipients,” said Lubbers. “The program has been instrumental in helping Purdue’s 21st Century Scholars complete college in a timely and affordable way before moving on to a rewarding career.”

[Ivy Tech Community College’s Associate Accelerated Program](http://che.in.gov) (ASAP) helps high school graduates earn an associate degree in just 11 months and prepares them to transfer to a four-year college to earn their bachelor's degree. Students work with a dedicated ASAP coordinator to help identify academic goals, mapping out a clear path to success. In addition, faculty teams of four teachers per term offer individual attention during five eight-week terms. Graduates leave this rigorous program with the skills they need to succeed in further education and the workforce.

“Through its unique and highly effective model of eight-week course block scheduling, high impact learning communities, and innovative student engagement best practices, Ivy Tech’s ASAP program has made a significant impact in statewide completion efforts,” said Lubbers.

The winners were announced at an award ceremony today during the Commission’s fourth annual Student Success Conference at Indianapolis Marriott North. In addition to being honored at the ceremony, Purdue Promise and Ivy Tech’s ASAP program each received a \$5,000 award to help further their important work increasing student success and closing completion gaps.

###

About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a 14-member public body created in 1971 to define the missions of Indiana's colleges and universities, plan and coordinate the state's postsecondary education system, and ensure that Indiana's higher education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state. The Commission includes representatives from each Congressional district, three at-large members, a college faculty representative and a college student representative. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value* strategic plan at www.in.gov/che/.